

Will be Briefed on Program Funded by Recovery Act Grant

Las Cruces, NM – Monday, October 12th, Congressman Harry Teague will visit the La Casa domestic violence center in Las Cruces. The Congressman will meet with La Casa administrators and tour the facility. Congressman Teague will also be briefed on the transitional housing program at La Casa. The program, which recently received nearly \$500,000 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is in place to provide housing assistance and support services to victims of domestic violence.

"La Casa offers help and hope to victims of domestic abuse in our communities," said Congressman Harry Teague. "I look forward to touring the facilities and seeing the positive impact of these Recovery funds in southern New Mexico."

Congressman Teague's visit to the center comes during national Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is estimated that one in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime and a recent report by the Violence Policy Center named New Mexico as having the 7th highest rate of women killed by men in the country.

The tour is one day before La Casa's 12th Annual Candlelight Vigil in remembrance of domestic violence victims on October 13th.

WHO: Congressman Harry Teague

WHAT: Tour of La Casa, Inc. Domestic Violence Center

WHEN: Monday, October 12th, 2009

12:30-1:30 PM

WHERE: La Casa, 800 S. Walnut St, Las Cruces